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## TOWN BUDGET

### CPA officer could handle procurement

*City Council more amenable to  
add-on job than mayor's  
original full-time hire proposal*

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Mayor Richard Cohen has designated a town employee as the chief procurement officer and has placed the new position in the fiscal 2016 budget.

Under his spending plan presented Monday night, the \$52,197 position would be filled by current Community Preservation Act Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio, whom Cohen identified as the only person currently employed by the town with the right state certification for the job.

State law mandates that every town designate a procurement officer — a person with certified expertise in the public bidding process and municipal purchasing law — but two previous attempts at establishing a full-time procurement officer failed to pass the City Council.

After much discussion the second time the ordinance was brought up, the council advised Cohen to put the position in the budget rather than go through the legislative process.

No councilors raised objections to the position being established, but Councilor Robert Rossi expressed concern with how it would be funded.

The majority of the funding, \$40,000, will come from the water and wastewater enterprise funds, the mayor said. The remaining cost will come from the mayor's administrative fund and the Community Preservation Act administrative fund.

Rossi said it would be more appropriate for the \$40,000 to come from the Department of Public Works budget.

"I don't think the salary should be paid for just by the sewer and water users," said Rossi. "It should

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## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Riders rev up their bikes  
as they prepare to leave the Polish American Club  
and cruise the countryside for a "Highway to Help"  
poker run May 16 that benefitted the  
Granger School PTO.



Granger student Kolton Miles, 6, is shown with his teacher, Amber LaMontagne, who helped to organize the Granger PTO's annual motorcycle ride. Kolton, who lives near the Polish American Club, rode his small dirt bike so he and his mother could look at the bigger bikes. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

### Open road opens minds

*Benefit gives motorcyclists  
a cause for a spring ride*

By Mike Lydick  
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The PTO fundraiser began with a roar as 15 motorcycles took off from the parking lot of the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

For the next several hours, the bikes cruised through the back roads of Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. It was a chance for motorcyclists to take out their bikes for a long spring ride and help raise some money for the Granger Elementary School.

Sharon Mitchell, a third grade teacher at the school, and her husband Scott, who owns a 2014 Harley Road King, were among the participants.

"I've been riding as a passenger with my husband on his bike for four years," she said. "We look forward to riding every spring. This is our second year joining other motorcyclists at this fundraiser."

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## RELAY FOR LIFE

### Hope in the dark night

*Teams walk through all  
hours to fight cancer*

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Cancer never sleeps, and neither did many of the more than 700 people who participated in last weekend's fourth annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Agawam.

For 18 hours — from 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, to noon Saturday, May 16 — they celebrated life, remembered loved ones who lost their battle with cancer, and pledged to continue fighting back against cancer. More than 30 teams came together at the fourth annual Relay in Agawam to build hope

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Jim and Kathy Planzo of Agawam didn't let a few rain showers on Saturday morning dampen their enthusiasm at the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam. The members of Team Clark, from the Clark Elementary School, simply grabbed their umbrellas and kept on walking. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## HIGH SCHOOL

### AHS artist wins state competition

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Alexis Price and Brett Graveline have never met each other, but they're already Massachusetts winners and are in consideration for a national award.

Graveline's image is, at least. Price, a junior at Agawam High School, earlier this year drew a pencil portrait of Graveline from a photo of him as a young military pilot. Her teacher entered the photo in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, and Price's work was selected as the winner to represent Massachusetts.

Price never got to meet her subject, but spent a lot of time getting to know his young man's face.

"It was amazing, because before, I never really looked [differently] at veterans ... I just saw them as another person," Price said last week. "Since I started drawing, I saw the look of confidence, the readiness to fight for his country. It's honorable."



Alexis Price

While she worked on the portrait at home, she was taking an AHS class in cartoons and illustration. For Graveline's portrait, something made her take more time, work more intricately.

"I didn't really plan to do something so detailed," she said. "It kind of developed on its own."

Though nobody in her immediate family serves in the military, Price said working on a veteran's portrait brought back memories of an older cousin she

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Debra Riley

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# Turtle search in town trains utility crews

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Before they raise the poles for a new or repaired transmission line, before they string the wires, before they rig the transformers, Eversource looks for turtles.

"Every day, we're doing work in a priority habitat, an area that's known for turtles," said Brian Benito, Eversource's senior environmental specialist, at a training event called "Turtle Palooza," held last Friday on an Eversource right-of-way in Agawam.

Officials from the state Department of Fisheries and Wildlife conducted a classroom session in the morning. For an hour in the afternoon, about 80 MassWildlife officials, Eversource employees and utility contractors fanned out below the Agawam power line, putting their turtle-searching skills to work.

It turns out that the empty notches that utility companies cut through the forest are not so empty, after all.

"There are a lot of rare plants that are found in rights-of-way," noted Jesse Leddick, endangered species review biologist with MassWildlife.

Power companies also have to look out for state- and federally protected insects and birds, Leddick added. And then there are the turtles, several species of which are "endangered," "threatened" or a "special concern" on state and federal lists.

Often the company will have to certify, as a condition of its building permit, that no protected turtles are being harmed by power line construction and maintenance. That means walking the worksite every morning, said Benito. For multi-day jobs, it might mean setting up fences to keep turtles out of the site, and walking the perimeter each day to make sure the fence hasn't been breached.

Even when not ordered, "we'll do it just as a best management practice, so we do it a lot," Benito added.

Turtles burrow in the brush and remain largely inactive through the winter months, but come out for the spring. Utility rights-of-way can be particularly attractive, offering both open land to bask in the sun and forested land for the winter and for shade. Turtles are also attracted to sandy earth and wetlands.

In an hour of searching over a couple acres of land, the Turtle Palooza participants found about 10 turtles, mostly Eastern box turtles — a protected "species of



Bill Hayes, an Eversource employee, holds a box turtle during the company's recent "Turtle Palooza" in Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

special concern" in Massachusetts. They also found one spotted turtle, considered to be more common, but also illegal to possess without a permit.

Other turtle species found in Western Massachusetts include the endangered bog turtle; the "species of special concern" wood turtle; the red-eared slider, a non-native invasive species formerly sold in pet shops; and three relatively common species, the Eastern musk turtle, painted turtle and snapping turtle.

Julia Fiske, of J.M. Fiske Environmental of Shelburne, Mass., participated in Turtle Palooza with her "turtle-sniffing dog," Bella. She often works with Eversource and other utility companies on wetlands and habitat protection.

She acknowledged that the construction contractors sometimes start a project skeptical of the need for certain environmental protections, but when workers find a rare species, they get just as excited as a biologist.

Eversource, formerly known as Northeast Utilities and operating under the names of several subsidiaries, including



Jesse Leddick, an endangered species review biologist with MassWildlife, holds a box turtle.

Western Massachusetts Electric Co., has held Turtle Palooza annually for several years at various locations around New England. Last year's training was in Bourne, Mass., Poirot said.

Eversource is responsible for more than 600 miles of utility rights-of-way in Massachusetts, Poirot said, including several lines crossing Agawam. Both he and the MassWildlife officials asked that the exact location of this year's Turtle Palooza not be identified, to protect the threatened and endangered species from being targeted by private hunters.

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Hikers stop at a dam along White Brook in Robinson State Park last Saturday during a program about the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Agawam park. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Hike shows CCC heritage in Robinson State Park

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Seventy-five years ago, a small army was camped on the outskirts of Agawam.

They called themselves civilians, but they slept in barracks, wore uniforms, subjected their daily life to a firmly regimented schedule, and transformed both themselves and the land they occupied.

That army was the Civilian Conservation Corps: A public works project, a jobs program, an educational camp, and — in hindsight — a preparation for the mass mobilization to come in World War II. That land, one of many Massachusetts properties that housed the CCC, was Robinson State Park. Evidence of the CCC's work in Agawam, from 1933 to the mid-1940s, is still easy to find.

Perhaps the two most obvious remnants are the pavilions, including a western pavilion that's still standing even though it's been closed for 20 years.

"They had very exacting standards," said Gini Traub, who gave a presentation about the CCC and led a hike through Robinson State Park last Saturday morning. "What they were building was intended to be permanent."

Other relics of the CCC include concrete and fieldstone water bubblers, still standing even after the water was shut off years ago; dams and culverts along the brooks; and the trail network.

Traub, regional environmental education coordinator for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, explained how President Franklin Roosevelt created the CCC as a response to the Great Depression, an effort to give jobs to young men (the workers were all men) and carry out public works projects such as flood control and road building. CCC recruits lived on-site in temporary barracks, working, playing and eating communally. They were required to send the majority of their salary back home to their families. It wasn't all work — the CCC camps had a rich cultural life, and the corps provided job training and education.

"It was a comprehensive program that took care of all their needs," Traub said.

In Agawam, the CCC camp transformed a would-be factory plot into a state park. Though Robinson State Park may appear to be a pristine nature preserve, a wooded riverfront that somehow managed to escape the impacts of agriculture and industry, it didn't look like that 100 years ago.

"This was a managed landscape, used by humans for a long time," Traub said.

Before the 1930s, there was nothing special to distinguish the land on the north side of Agawam, and it was probably used for farming or grazing, like the rest of the town. Much of it would have been cleared of trees.

A man named John Robinson acquired the land as a speculation, hoping to use



Gini Traub shows a diagram of a typical Civilian Conservation Corps campsite during Saturday's program at Robinson State Park.

it — and the neighboring Westfield River — for industry. The Great Depression intervened, and when Robinson found no prospective buyers for his land, he gave it to the state as a natural park.

Among other improvements, the CCC had to reforest the land. The native pine trees in Agawam are white pines, Traub said; the several red pines and Norway spruce at Robinson were planted by the CCC.

Other nearby state forests shaped by the Civilian Conservation Corps include Chicopee Memorial State Forest in Chicopee Falls, Mount Tom State Reservation in Holyoke, and Chester-Blandford, Granville, Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland state forests, among others.

Traub's presentation was part of "War and Peace," a series of historical programs at Massachusetts state parks in the month of May.

### Another 'war and peace' hike Oct. 30

OTIS — Several historical events are planned for state parks across Massachusetts in the coming two weeks. The only one remaining in the western half of Greater Springfield is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in Otis State Forest.

The walk, "Redcoats, Hessians and Artillery on the Great Road," will follow one mile of the Great Road, an 18th century route through the Berkshires. Local militias and crown troops trod this path, including Henry Knox's artillery from Ticonderoga to Boston in 1776, and British and Hessian prisoners of war from General Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga in 1777. The walk begins at the dam of Upper Spectacle Pond in Otis State Forest on Webb Road in Otis. It includes the cellar hole of the Continental Tavern. The program lasts two hours; bring sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen and bug spray. Dogs on leash only. For more information, contact Tolland State Forest at 413-269-6002.

## Golf course future looks bright

Manager touts new lights, higher revenues, donated sign

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam Municipal Golf Course is doing much better in 2015 — both looking better and earning more money, according to the course's general manager.

On Monday night, Tony Roberto told the City Council that the revenues for April were up by 90 percent over April 2014.

"We are really happy with the way the golf course is progressing," said Roberto. "We have been having a lot of weekdays that are as busy on the weekends."

He said the course's image has been boosted with the recent addition of lights for the parking lots and repairs to certain greens and fairways.

The Agawam City Council also recently accepted a gift by longtime member Ronald Waite.

Waite has been in the sign-making business for many years, and offered to create and donate a new sign for the course. The sign will be installed at the course entrance on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills.

"Let's face it, the sign that is there now is old and fading," said Roberto. "It is not a good first impression for people who drive by our course. We are getting a great donation from a generous member. Ron spends at least five days a week here golfing and he approached me about donating a sign. It would have cost us about \$4,800 to get a sign on our own."

Roberto said the sign could be up at the golf course in about two weeks. He also said there will be lights installed shining up

at the sign to highlight it.

"I think it will really help with the entrance to the course and attract people," said Roberto.

Because the golf course is an enterprise fund, its budget is determined by the revenues from the previous fiscal year. The fiscal 2016 budget, to cover the year beginning this July 1, is projected at \$552,423. Council President Christopher Johnson suggested the budget could be increased depending on how the May and June 2015 revenues turn out. He asked for new figures to be sent to the council at the end of May.

Any surplus funds collected in the final three months of fiscal 2015 may not stay with the golf course, however.

Councilor Gina Letellier reminded the rest of the council that the enterprise fund owes the town money for funding the purchase of golf carts last year. A stipulation was added to the resolution saying the free cash funds should be paid back.

Councilor Joseph Mineo had comments about the advertising budget, saying there should be more funding for that line item.

"You have to spend money to make money," said Mineo. "We need to invest in this course and promote it if we are going make this course successful."

The grounds manager, Daniel Shay, said the one thing the course was in need of in the future is a new lawnmower and other groundskeeping equipment. He said much of the equipment is nearing the end of its useful life cycle.

The fiscal 2016 budget will be voted on in late June.

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# Opinion

## A day of remembrance, gratitude

The origins of Memorial Day have never been determined. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., as Memorial Day's official birthplace, but more likely it sprang up in thousands of cities, towns and villages across the nation when families buried their dead brought home from the saddest war of all, our Civil War.

Even before the end of that conflict, Southern women were decorating graves of Confederate dead, and in 1867 a woman named Nella Sweet wrote a hymn about them, "Kneel Where Our Loves Are Sleeping."

The first Memorial Day (known then as Decoration Day) was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and officially observed on May 30 when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Since then, there have been many wars, but those who fought in them answered the nation's call, gave the last full measure of devotion, and deserve our gratitude.

There were the Indian wars during our westward expansion, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War (often called the "forgotten war," but a hellhole if there ever was one) and the nightmare of Vietnam.

More recently we've had our first invasion of Iraq and the second.

Someday we may achieve the distant dream of a world at peace, but until then our (mostly) young men and women will answer our call and some will come home in flag-draped coffins.

The least we can do is turn out to remember them on a bright spring day and express our appreciation and gratitude. We may hate war, the killing and wanton destruction, but we've never been able to avoid it or end it, although that dream persists.

Perhaps it is only with the end of history that there will be peace — as implied in the poem, "Dark Hills," by Edwin Arlington Robinson:

Dark hills at evening in the west Where  
sunset hovers like a sound

Of golden horns that sang to rest Old  
bones of warriors underground — Far now  
from all the bannered ways Where flash the  
legions of the sun, You fade, as if the last of  
days

Were fading, and all wars were done.

But one must hope that sanity may one  
day overtake humankind, allowing us to do  
what we must to survive: nurture this little  
planet of ours instead of fighting over it.

In the meantime though, we owe the  
peace and freedom of our little corner of  
the world to those who have gone before us,  
fought for us and given their lives.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Patriotism alive and well in Agawam

The Veterans' Portrait Project at Agawam High School is the latest example of this patriotism. Using photos of veterans from their service years, the seeds were planted by Advanced Placement art teachers Deb Florek and Amber Walters. At maturity, the 40 sketches developed by the students were on display for the community to witness. I was fortunate to witness Larry Landry and Kevin Szczygiel as their student artists unveiled their works. To observe the intergenerational mutual admiration of the subjects and artists was one moment neither of us will ever forget.

The sketch of Brett Graveline by Alexis Price was submitted to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for the Patriotic Creative Poster Contest. It was judged first place in Massachusetts and is in Washington, D.C., for judging at the national level. Kudos to retired teacher Barbara Murphy who began the practice of having veterans visit the middle school and to Georgette Andersons for keeping the program alive since Barbara's retirement.

Another example of Agawam's patriotic activity is the D.C. Club at AJHS. This year, in addition to visiting several monuments and memorials, our JHS students were honored to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I am certain that was an experience they will remember forever.

AJHS students recently participated in a Patriotic Poster Contest. The winner, to be announced soon, will have his or her poster on display at the Senior Center for the entire year.

Students at Agawam High School have

submitted several essays, titled "Why Veterans are Important," to the Agawam Veterans' Council for judging. AHS students volunteer to help at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in December to help with placing wreaths on the markers in the cemetery. AHS performs the National Anthem at all home football games. Students and staff participate in the annual program remembering USMC Captain "Ned" Connelly (AHS '61), as well as all from Agawam who served in Vietnam. Students in the horticultural program are maintaining the plantings at the memorial stone.

Ms. Mary Bonavita's AP history students will again participate in the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. Students will produce video interviews of veterans, and they will be submitted to the national library. Those stories will live forever.

The Girl Scouts have planted flowers at the Veterans Green, and Rosie Robotics and the Boy Scouts have helped with the replacement of flags at town cemeteries in preparation for Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

There probably are more patriotic activities, including participation in the Memorial Day Parade, by a number of groups in town.

Parents, if at all possible, help us by bringing your children to the Veterans Green for our service on Memorial Day, as we remember, honor and teach that the freedom that we experience is not free.

**Semper Fi, Agawam**  
**Gary F. Janulewicz**

### USO to make a million moments

Every day the men and women of our armed forces fight to protect our freedom. The reality of military life requires them to make countless personal sacrifices, countless moments missed that many of us take for granted.

Please join me and the USO this May as we work to create a million moments during Military Appreciation Month. Your support can help the USO provide moments that count for the more than 75,000 active duty service members, national guard per-

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**Bruce Marshall**  
Development and Marketing Director  
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### Take 5 continues support of Masonic lodge, students

Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge of Agawam held a benefit dinner on May 2 for the Masonic Angel Fund. This fundraiser benefits Agawam school-aged children through recommendations to the lodge from the school guidance counselors.

The dinner was a huge success in a large part due to the generosity of Take 5 Restaurant. Take 5 donated and prepared a large portion of the dinner that took place at Elm Belcher Lodge. Because of Frankie DiBenedetto and Take 5's generosity, on this and

many other occasions in the past, the Elm Belcher Masonic Angel Fund dinner was a success.

We are grateful to Take 5 for participating in many of our charitable events that benefit the Agawam community.

**The Members of**  
**Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge**

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Shown at the AHS Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social hosted by the PTSO are, from left, honorary member Garda Stasiak, Julianne Rossi, treasurer, and Joelle Phillips, president; Agawam School Committee member Shelley Reed; and Sherry Ardolino, secretary. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Businesses, community step up for AHS teachers

On Monday, May 4, the AHS PTSO hosted a Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social. Thank you to the local business community who chose to donate items and show support for the teachers in our town, including New England Uniforms, Kaptain Jimmy's, Agawam Flower Shop, Geissler's Supermarket, Giovanni's, Nails 2000, Casa Di Lisa, Hood's Ice Cream, Java Stop, Country Flowers, Cooper's, Traffic Light Desserts, Feeding Hills Spa, Anna's Dry Cleaners, Stop & Shop, the YMCA, Fitness First, Big Y, the Ice Cream Shop, Goodies, Nina's Cookies, Green Leaves to Go, Meadow Farms, Rube, E.B.'s, Waniewskis Farm, Kelley & Katzer Real Estate LLC, Shiobhan Smalley for 31 gifts, Cyndi Gorman for the necklace donation, Garda Stasiak for the gift baskets and

to the parents who gave anonymous donations.

I would also like to thank Steve Leman-ski, principal of Agawam High School, and present PTSO members Sherry Ardolino and Julianne Rossi, and honorary/retired PTSO member Garda Stasiak. Thank you also to Shelley Reed, School Committee member; Tyler Stasiak, JV lacrosse coach; Jen Rossi and Adam Ardolino, who helped to scoop ice cream. Whether it was a donation of time or a raffle gift, this event could not have happened without your support and dedication.

**Joelle Phillips**  
AHS teacher

## DPH recognizes school nurses

*The Agawam School Nurses recently received the above letter of encouragement from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, School Health Unit, in celebration of National School Nurse Day, May 5.*

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, we celebrate National School Nurse Day, a time to honor the more than 2,500 school nurses in the Massachusetts who make a significant contribution to the academic achievement of students across the state every day. By coordinating the health care of the 1.2 million school-aged students in Massachusetts, in both public and private schools, so they can be kept safe, healthy and ready to learn, school nurses contribute to the success of schools and communities every day.

By choosing to be a school nurse, you have chosen a nursing specialty that focuses on both public health and the individual health of students and their families. School nursing encompasses health education, wellness, environmental concerns, nutrition, injury prevention, behavioral

and mental health services and so much more. School nurses need to provide comprehensive, evidence-based school health services that require nursing skills and practices based on the strongest scientific evidence. In order to provide these quality services, school nurses must engage in continuous professional development to serve the ever-changing needs of students. You work in non-healthcare settings where you are challenged daily to ensure that safe nursing practices are upheld and students' health and safety remain a priority among other competing demands.

The MDPH School Health Unit sends our appreciation to school nurses across the state for the work you do to improve health and learning outcomes for students. We honor you and the work you do. Please enjoy your special day.

**Mary Ann Gapinski, MSN, RN, NCSN**  
Director of School Health Services  
Mass. Department of Public Health  
Boston

## JAY SPEAKS

# Packaging and openers

When Kitty and I moved into our first apartment, I brought with me the only devices I needed to open any food or beverage package. For cans I had my U.S. Army thumb-operated can opener; and for liquids I had the combination beer opener and lid flipper. Boxes such as cereal, or bags such as dried fruits, we could just rip them open.

Nowadays, we have an entire drawer full of devices to open a wide variety of packaging. For opening jars there are at least four different tools. Each has a variety of adjustable diameters as well as grabbing surfaces to handle any situation. There are three different can openers. Each adjusts to a different depth to handle sizes from abroad. In addition to the ones in the drawer, we have an electric cap opener just a hand's reach away (though it needs someone to sing to it, or pat it nicely, to get it to work)

Then there are jar flippers. The one most used is the one we got for baby food a millennium ago. But with all the variety of plastic and glass used in food preparation, we need several others.

For canned and bottled beverages, the old standbys seem to handle the new and old quite well. Some bottlers manage to screw their caps on with force of mighty Goliath. For those, we have to dig deep into the drawer for jar openers that have a small diameter on them, and then grunt them open.

My friend Bob and wife Kitty use the 'hot boiling water' philosophy on opening bottles and jars that are stuck tight. They run hot boiling water on the necks for a while. That appears to loosen them so that short of burning your thumbs, you can get them to give up.

I have posted on the refrigerator the classic cartoon that shows the wife asking the husband to open a particular jar. For



Jay Berger

the next three boxes, you see the husband struggling with the jar, using all sorts of tools and finally giving up. The wife in utter disdain, walks over, taps the jar three times with her finger and gives it an easy turn and it is open. She looks at Hubby and says, "Why were you having a problem? It opened right up." Hubby takes two boxes of chagrin, then says, "I softened it up for you!"

Many cans now have the soft metal top with a ring attached. You grasp the ring, then tear it across and most times it opens. When it is balky, make certain that you have "Band-Aids" handy, as you will certainly slash yourself.

At the very bottom of this drawer of tools and utensils for opening, I have the tools of last resort. A hammer; two pair of pliers; a tin snip; three differing screwdrivers. One can easily see where and when they can come to be use.

Plastic pill containers are a certain bugaboo. The drug companies are caught between having the containers childproof, and having them easily used by older citizens. In microscopic print on the top of the container are a bunch of arrows and usually some print telling us to press down and at the same time turn it counter clockwise. That corresponds to "righty tighty and lefty loosey."

I can't tell you the number of times I attempted to follow directions and the container remained closed. Then Kitty would walk over and do the tap-tap-tap routine and voila! It was open.

Maybe I just solved my problem. Get rid of all the tools, utensils, openers, etc., and just let Kitty open the packaging!

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*

## Agawam actor to perform in 'Radio Days'

SOUTHWICK — Ken Berry of Agawam will be one of the featured performers when Southwick-On-Stage presents "Radio Days" this weekend, May 22 and 23, at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway.

The production will feature a Foley artist and his assistant on stage providing all the sound effects for a radio show, while the actors are seated around an ancient microphone, staging two radio shows from the 1940s.

The show is produced and directed for Southwick-On-Stage by Joan Perkins-Smith. Other members of the cast are Ron Blanchette of Ellington, Conn., Rob Lunde of Springfield, Dorrie Mitchell of West Hartford, Karen Riedl of Southwick and Dana Ring of West Hartford. Foley artists are William Rosendale and Jen Kowalski of

Westfield. Stage management is handled by Susan Yates of Southwick, while lighting and sound are handled by Ruth Preston of Southwick.

The audience will get a behind-the-scenes view of two classic radio productions: "The Maltese Falcon," with Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor, based on the award-winning film and the novel by Dashiell Hammett; and "The Adventure of the Tolling Bell," starring Nigel Bruce as Dr. Watson and Tom Conway as Sherlock Holmes.

A collection of antique radios from the 1940s era is on display in the glass cases in the lobby and will remain there until after the show. Along with the radios are a few items of memorabilia, including a collection of Time magazines from the 1940s.

## Garden Club plant sale May 23

The annual plant sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held this Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The sale will be held rain or shine. Hundreds of

perennials and some annual plants will be available.

Prices will be from \$2 to \$4 depending on the size and rarity. Proceeds will benefit the club's annual scholarship fund for an Agawam High School senior.

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The third annual “Highway to Help” fundraiser on Saturday, May 16, raised several hundred dollars to help the PTO pay for a variety of activities and programs at the school, from library materials to monthly family fun events to mini-grants for teacher supplies. Each driver was charged \$25; passengers were charged \$10.

Eric Lunden, the PTO’s president, said the event began when parents were looking for a new fundraising event.

“We were trying to think outside of the box and come up with a different event,” Lunden said. “One of our board members whose husband rides a motorcycle suggested a motorcycle run, so we decided to give it a try.”

Lunden said the event has “great potential” as a fundraiser but has been slow to take off.

“Our first year, we had nearly 30 participants, but the turnout varies from year to year. It’s a very weather dependent event — if it’s raining or even threatening to rain, that stops many motorcyclists from riding,” he said.

While the weather was overcast with a chance of showers, it didn’t stop Noel **Petrolati from driving her** 2006 Harley-Davidson Sportster Low 1200cc from Manchester, Conn.

“I’m pretty much game for any bike fundraiser as long as it fits into my busy schedule,” said Petrolati, who has been riding her bike in the Granger PTO fundraiser since it began.

A motorcyclist for nine years, she used to always be riding on the back of a friend’s bike — “I just loved it, but I was always at the mercy of someone asking me” — until a few summers ago, when she bought her current bike.

“It’s a small, high-powered bike,” she said. “It didn’t need any modifications for me to ride it, which is key since I’m a short woman. This year I plan to add saddle bags and new pipes since I’m growing quite fond of the bike.”

Fun, friends, and a good cause

Another female motorcyclist at the event was Amanda Wickett. A biker for 13 years, she has participated in all three Granger PTO rides. She owns a 2000 Kawasaki Ninja.

“I like being with friends and supporting a good cause,” said the Springfield resident. “I just love riding my bike. You’re free to take off and go whenever you want.”

Keith Marini of Ludlow also has been at the event since it started. He’s been riding motorcycles for 30 years. “It’s nice cruising on the back roads,” said Marini, who now owns a 2003 Harley Dyna.

Granger staff involved in fundraiser

This year’s ride featured a poker run, raffles, and lunch. The poker run involved three stops approximately 30 miles apart, said Amber LaMontagne, a kindergarten teacher at the school who mapped out the route.

At each stop, or checkpoint, participants drew a playing card in hopes of having the best poker hand after the final stop. Staff from Granger volunteered to be stationed at each checkpoint. Tara LaFond, a third grade teacher, was at the Dunkin’ Donuts in New Hartford, Conn. Denise Einzig, a third grade paraprofessional, and Nicole Douthwright, a speech pathologist, waited at the Southwick Inn in Southwick. At the last stop, the Knox Trail Inn in East Otis, were Amanda Fazio, a second grade teacher, and Justine Woods, a special education teacher.

LaMontagne joined in the event by riding on the back of her friend Nuno Valdegas’ 2002 Harley Davidson V-Rod — the only bike that Harley offers with a liquid-cooled engine inspired by Porsche.

“It has just about every aftermarket chrome part made for it,” said Valdegas, who chose the bike because of its sleek design. He’s been riding since the age of 8 when his father bought him a PeeWee 60 dirt bike.

“Since then I’ve always had something with handlebars,” he said. “The best part of it for me is that as soon as I throw my leg over my bike, my mind is free and clear. I feel like nothing else matters.”



Sharon Mitchell, a third grade teacher at Granger School, waves from the back of her husband’s 2014 Harley Road King as they head out for a poker run fundraiser for the Granger PTO.



Keith Marini arrived at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on his 2003 Harley Dyna. The first rider, he was greeted by Granger PTO President Eric Lunden. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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hasn’t seen for years, a Marine.

“It did remind me of her,” Price said. “I remember one time I went on one of her ships, toured it. It brought back some of those memories.”

According to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the winners from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia were judged last week, and winners will be announced publicly this month, after the artists are notified. The first through eighth place winners among the 51 finalists will receive college scholarships, from \$10,000 (first) to \$500 (fifth through eighth).

Price’s portrait of Graveline was exhibited at the Spring Arts Festival in late April, along with several other portraits of veterans by AHS students. AHS art teacher Deb Florek said some of the students featured family members in their works; others, like Price, were provided a photograph of a local veteran by the Agawam Veterans Council.

Florek said she plans to make veterans portraits an annual tradition in the National Art Honors I and National Art Honors II classes. Interest in the exhibit was



Alexis Price’s portrait of Brett Graveline, drawn from a photograph. SUBMITTED PHOTO

great enough that it may move out of the Arts Festival next year and become its own standalone show, she added.

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be in the DPW budget if it is going to be a town position.”

Rossi also suggested other departments within the town could contribute funds to the position’s salary.

Council President Christopher Johnson said he had no issue with the position being in the budget, saying he agreed if the work is within the enterprises of the town, those enterprises could contribute.

Johnson said town positions like the treasurer-collector and the auditor salaries receive contributions from the enterprise funds.

Cohen said if the position is funded in the 2016 budget, which will be voted by the council in June, Bonfiglio may move into the law office at Town Hall and be employed by the town in both capacities. Because the CPA administrator job is not full-time, she currently does work with the Zoning Board of Appeals. She would likely relinquish that role due to the increased procurement de-

mands, Cohen said.

Councilors had opposed a full-time procurement officer when Cohen proposed it in 2014 because of the projected expense.

The procurement officer proposal was brought up again this year by Councilor James Cichetti after learning the town was violating state law in not having a procurement officer. He tried to work with the mayor’s office to establish an ordinance last month before withdrawing it in favor of advising the mayor to establish the position within his administration.

Cohen said never designated himself as the procurement officer because he did not have the certification. He also said he is the award authority for bids, so he believes being a procurement officer is a conflict of interest.

Bonfiglio was sent for procurement certification by the CPA Committee so she could procure bids for CPA-originated projects.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 372 calls for service from May 12 to May 18. The department made 4 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Saturday, May 16

Hiram Rosario, 33, of 37 Cliff St., Southbridge, was arrested on a warrant.  
Marcus Navarro, 27, of 260 Garvey Drive, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as HTO, failure to inspect within 7

days of registering, defective or modified exhaust, and speeding, 45 miles per hour in a posted 30 miles per hour TSA.

### Sunday, May 17

Jonathan Luis Perez, 24, of 46 Boulanger Ave., West Hartford, Conn., was arrested on charges of larceny over \$250, possession to distribute Class D drug, and possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.  
Michael L. Ford II, 18, of 7 Sylvan Lane, Sag Harbor, N.Y., was arrested on charges of distributing counterfeit mark, recording without mfg name, mfr/sell/rent.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 69 EMS calls for May 5 to May 11, and 79 EMS calls for May 12 to May 18, and the following emergency response calls.

On May 5 at 5:36 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for grass fire.  
On May 6 at 6:23 a.m., the department responded to Tracy Drive to assist invalid.  
On May 6 at 10:11 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.  
On May 7 at 3:50 a.m., the department responded to Pheasant Run Circle for service call, other.  
On May 7 at 11:07 a.m., the department responded to Hunt Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.  
On May 7 at 12:19 p.m., the department responded to Ottawa Street for good intent call, other.  
On May 7 at 5:46 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.  
On May 8 at 2:32 a.m., the department responded to Van Deene Avenue to cover assignment, standby, moveup.  
On May 8 at 8:45 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service.  
On May 8 at 8:37 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for citizen complaint.  
On May 9 at 1:38 a.m., the department responded to Moore Street for citizen complaint.  
On May 9 at 1:56 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.  
On May 9 at 4:21 a.m., the department responded to Jennie Circle for CO detector activation due to malfunction.  
On May 9 at 10:35 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for good intent call, other.  
On May 9 at 1:53 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.  
On May 9 at 6:09 p.m., the department responded to Nicole Terrace for public service assistance, other.  
On May 9 at 6:20 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for false alarm or false call, other.  
On May 9 at 10:21 p.m., the department responded to Edgewater Road for citizen complaint.  
On May 10 at 4:17 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.  
On May 10 at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Road for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.  
On May 11 at 6:03 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.  
On May 11 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for fire, other.

# Run-walk to benefit scholarship, ‘moments of joy’ for children

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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On Saturday, May 30, several area runners are going to “Lace ‘Em Up for Lexi” and participate in a 5K run and fun walk at Agawam Junior High school.

This is the seventh annual race held in honor of Lexi Jagodowski. Funds from the race will go to Griffin’s Friends, an organization that does charitable work for those suffering from cancer.

Jagodowski was one of four children and diagnosed with lymphoma when she was 17. She went through two years of chemotherapy and her cancer went into remission. When she was 11, she relapsed and died just after her 12th birthday, when she had complications with a bone marrow transplant.

The Jagodowski family benefited from the generosity of Griffin’s Friends and now holds the run-walk to help support the organization. Funds are also raised to give out a local scholarship in Jagodowski’s name.

The walk is set for 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 30, with registration running from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. The cost to enter is \$15 for students 18 and under, or \$20 for an adult. The first 100 applicant receive T-shirts and there will be festivities at the race site, including music, a bounce house and post-race snacks.

The race will feature prizes for the male and female winners, as well as certain age groups.

There is also a small kids’ race for children 10 and under. Registration will be held at the event site and the cost is \$1 per child.

Applications can still be found at [www.lexi96.org](http://www.lexi96.org). Applications can also be found at the Agawam Public Library or by contacting Laura Wray-Ramos at [LRamos@agawampublicschools.org](mailto:LRamos@agawampublicschools.org).

[agawampublicschools.org](http://agawampublicschools.org).

Anyone wishing to make direct donations for Griffin’s Friends can send donations to Lace ‘Em Up for Lexi, c/o Laura Wray-Ramos/RACE, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Wray-Ramos, a teacher at Agawam Junior High School, has been a marathon runner for Griffin’s Friends for many years, said Griffin’s Friends Coordinator Sue-Anne Hilton.

“She has been helping us raise money for many years through the marathon team,” said Hilton.

Griffin’s Friends is a group of volunteers dedicated to providing support for children with cancer. The organization was founded in 1994 in the name of Griffin D. Kelleher, a 14-month-old who passed away from cancer, the Griffin’s Friends website states.

Griffin’s aunt, Agawam teacher Anne Theriault, is also a founding member of the nonprofit group.

The organization’s mission to provide “moments of joy” for children in the region who suffer from cancer.

The group specifically works to arrange holiday parties, trips to stage performances and major sporting events, summer picnics, and other types of entertainment as allowed by a person’s health. Griffin’s Friends also purchases arts and crafts, computers, video games, and other entertainment for children that must stay in the hospital for treatment.

Hilton said Griffin’s Friends reaches out to all children and their families who are treated in the oncology department at Baystate Medical Center to offer services. Jagodowski was treated at Baystate.

For more information or to contact Griffin’s Friends about a child in need, visit [www.griffinsfriends.com](http://www.griffinsfriends.com). Contact information is on the home page.

## Agawam Senior Center

### Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day. Senior Center closed.  
**Tuesday, May 26:** Chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, watermelon.  
**Wednesday, May 27:** Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, peaches.  
**Thursday, May 28:** Split pea soup, ham salad on whole-wheat, three-bean salad, pudding.  
**Friday, May 29:** Baked cod, scalloped potatoes, California blend vegetables, baked good.

### Calendar of Events

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day. Senior Center closed. Bus leaves the senior center at 9 a.m. for Memorial Day Parade.  
**Tuesday, May 26:** 9 a.m., Shuffleboard Begins at St. John’s (Leonard Street), Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“St.

Vincent PG13”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 3 p.m., COA Monthly Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

**Wednesday, May 27:** 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Bus for National Senior Fitness Day Walk at the River; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:30 a.m., Outreach Group Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 3 p.m., Senior Theater Rehearsal; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Thursday, May 28:** 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

**Friday, May 29:** 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

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# In the Classroom

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

**College Acceptances:** Jen Root: Manhattanville College, Bridgewater State University, Salve Regina University, Rutgers University, Marymount Manhattan College, Rider University, University of Hartford.

**Careers in Accounting and Management Professions Program (C.A.M.P.):** UMass Isenberg School of Management is hosting this program for juniors from July 26-July 31 at no cost to the student participants. This weeklong program is designed to promote careers in accounting and other business related fields. Participants will reside in the residence halls. Applications are due May 29. Applications are available in the Counseling Department. A teacher recommendation is needed along with a transcript.

**Seniors:** Please bring in to Mrs. Ledger in Guidance a stamped white envelope addressed to the college you are attending in September so that your final transcript

can be mailed out. Make sure to put your name in the top left hand side. If no envelope is received, the transcript will not go out.

**Ronald McDonald House Teen Board:** This board is comprised of a highly select group of sophomore and junior high school students. Teen selections are based on academics, activities, and commitment to volunteering. Each teen is expected to volunteer 30-40 hours per school year. If you are interested in being a board member, complete an application at [www.rmhc-wma.org/get-involved/teen-board-volunteers](http://www.rmhc-wma.org/get-involved/teen-board-volunteers) and return by May 31. Two recommendation letters must accompany the application. Only two students per school are generally chosen.

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

## School Lunch

<b>AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL</b> The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.	<b>AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b> <b>Monday, May 25:</b> Memorial Day. No school. <b>Tuesday, May 26:</b> Chicken quesadilla, salsa and cheese toppings, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit. <b>Wednesday, May 27:</b> Mini corndogs, baby carrots and ranch cups, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit. <b>Thursday, May 28:</b> Turkey and cheese sandwich on a whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Lays Chips, steamed carrots, cake, chilled fruit. <b>Friday, May 29:</b> Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.
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<b>ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL</b> <b>Monday, May 25:</b> Memorial Day. No school. <b>Tuesday, May 26:</b> Chicken quesadilla, salsa and cheese toppings, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit. <b>Wednesday, May 27:</b> Mini corndogs, baby carrots and ranch cups, baked fries, fresh and chilled fruit. <b>Thursday, May 28:</b> Turkey and cheese sandwich on a whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Lays Chips, steamed carrots, cake, chilled fruit. <b>Friday, May 29:</b> Personal pan pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.	

## CAMPUS NOTES

**Bryant University:** Richard Joseph Porfilio Jr., of Feeding Hills, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration in accounting cum laude at ceremonies held May 16.

**Nichols College:** Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, graduated with a BSBA at ceremonies held May 9.

**University of New Hampshire:** Hannah Pender, of Agawam, was awarded a BA in classics summa cum laude; Meaghan Foley, of Feeding Hills, was awarded a BS in business administration: marketing cum laude; and Ryan Evelyn, of Feeding Hills, was awarded a BA in French summa cum laude at ceremonies held May 16.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute:** Gaetano Scuderi, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

## Turnverein to offer scholarship

The Springfield Turnverein has announced its first scholarship award. This scholarship is open to any member, their spouses, children, or grandchildren. Relatives of deceased members may also apply.

A credit of \$500 will be established at the bookstore of the student's college or junior college. Students must be college sophomores, juniors or seniors. Applications, which must be returned by June 1, may be picked up at the Turnverein at 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, or [springfieldturnverein.com](http://springfieldturnverein.com).

## SCHOOL AGENDA

### Regular School Committee Meeting

- Roberta G. Doering School**  
**68 Main St.**  
**Tuesday, May 26 – 7 p.m.**
1. Call to order
  2. Moment of silence
  3. Roll call of attendance
  4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
  5. Citizen's speak time
  6. Highlights on Education: Clark School Science League
  7. Superintendent's Notes
  8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
  9. Unfinished business:
    - a. SCR-15-11, Approval of continued participation in the School Choice Program
  10. Business meeting:
    - a. Routine matters
    - 1) Approval of minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
    - b. Warrants/Transfers
    - c. Reports:
      - 1). Scheduled reports:
        - Personnel update (paper report)
        - Financial update – R. Clickstein
        - Superintendent's evaluation – W. Sapelli
      - 2). Subcommittee updates
    11. New business:
      - a. SCR-15-12, Adoption of the 2015-2016 School Improvement Plans
    12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
    13. Adjournment

### Residents named Career Tec students of the month

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Donald Jarvis, director of occupational education at the Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center, has announced that the following Agawam residents were among those to be presented the Walter E. Quigley Jr. Student of the Month award for April at a program held May 11: Angelina DeRose, fashion technology; Mia Hawkes, graphic communications I; Angelina Paine, graphic communications II; Kyle Widmer, networking I; Amber Micks, information support services; Dalton Drummond, networking II; and Kristian Shean, integrated occupational prep.

Each month, individual students from each program are recognized that have demonstrated some or all of the following: the ability to apply effectively the skills taught; exemplary behavior toward other students and staff; an above average willingness to work and accept new work; an outstanding attitude of cooperation; continued good attendance in the program; and a strong desire to contribute to the program and Career TEC.

## May 23 spaghetti supper to benefit cats

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Agawam-based Feline Friends, Western Massachusetts' only no-kill cat sanctuary rescue and adoption organization, will host the second annual Spaghetti Supper Pet Food Donation Drive Saturday, May 23, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Vegetarian options will be available and there will be a cash bar.

Names of those that give "wish list" food items listed on the Facebook page will be entered to win a Kindle Fire HD. A basket raffle drawing will take place beginning at 7 p.m. and tickets will be available for a door prize to win four tickets to Mohegan Sun Casino.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For more information, visit [www.felinefriendsinc.org](http://www.felinefriendsinc.org).

## Fitness First to host blood drive

Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call 413-786-1460.

## Big band tickets available at door

The deadline to purchase advance tickets for the Agawam Cultural Council's Dinner Dance next week is today, May 21. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The 18-piece Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will play at the May 29 event at Crestview Country Club on Shoemaker Lane. The night includes dancin to Big Band hits, a buffet dinner, cash bar and the presentation of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's 2015 Leadership Circle Award to Agawam Cultural Council Chairman Bob Kadis. Invited guests include members of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Mayor Richard Cohen, state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga.

The cost to attend is \$45 per person. All proceeds benefit the Agawam Cultural Council Give Back to the Community Program.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or [rudee38@comcast.net](mailto:rudee38@comcast.net).

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for a world without cancer by having at least one team member walking around Agawam's School Street Park throughout the event. They also held fundraisers that brought in more than \$60,000 that will make a positive impact on those touched by cancer.

Cancer survivors and caregivers were honored at a special reception and dinner held just prior to the Relay's kickoff. A ceremonial "Survivor's Lap" marked the official start of the Relay as survivors and caregivers marched in opposite directions around the park, cheered on by other participants, and then met midway.

Sarat Ford Lincoln conducted test drives of 2015 Lincoln models Friday evening and donated \$20 to the Relay for every test drive. The goal was to raise \$8,000 by conducting 400 test drives.

Shortly after sundown, the Relay remem-

bered those who lost their lives to the disease with a "luminaria" ceremony. As the park's lights were turned off, the word HOPE was spelled out in 6-foot-high letters illuminated in the center of the park's sports field. Participants then silently and solemnly walked around the park that was lined with glowing paper bag lanterns marked with the names of people who died from cancer.

"This Relay was a unique opportunity for Agawam and surrounding communities to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against the disease," said Janine Iacolo, chair of the event. "Cancer knows no boundaries and no community is immune to this disease — but this Relay is part of the effort to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays."



State Sen. Donald Humason Jr. (R-Westfield) spoke briefly at the opening ceremony for the Relay, then took a few photos of Relay participants.



Mark Hoffman, left, reacts upon learning the news that he was voted "queen" of the Relay in an event that raised more than \$300. Janine Iacolo, chair of the Relay, presents Hoffman with his sash and tiara.



In one of the most solemn and emotional events at the Relay for Life, participants marched in silence around School Street Park during the "luminaria" ceremony, surrounded by glowing white paper lanterns, each marked with the name of a cancer victim.



Cancer survivors carried a Relay banner around the sports field at School Street Park on the ceremonial first lap.



Janine Iacolo — who has served as chair of the Relay For Life of Agawam since it began in 2012 — kicks off the opening ceremonies at this year's Relay.



Relay participants, from left, Cathy Marble, Celeste Kinney and Karen Malachewski offer support to each other in an emotional embrace.



Kate Iacolo keeps a watchful eye on kids who entered a contest to see who could eat as many brownies as possible without using their hands.





Agawam High School sophomores Kate Carlson, left, and Chelsey Andrews were among the more than 700 participants at the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam.



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Six-foot illuminated letters spell out “HOPE” to mark the opening of a luminaria ceremony that remembers those who have died from cancer.



Paul Sawyer, an Agawam native and a music teacher at Robinson Park and Phelps schools, served as DJ.



Members of Team Ayre — formed in memory of Cindy Ayre, who died earlier this year from cancer — were among more than 30 teams that participated in the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam at School Street Park.



Wayne Ball, right, won the drawing for a “drive and dine” package that was donated by Sarat Ford Lincoln. The package includes the use of a 2015 Lincoln MKZ for a weekend and a \$100 restaurant gift card. At left is Jeff Sarat, the dealership’s general manager.



Cancer survivors and caregivers were honored with a special reception and dinner at the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam.



# SPORTS

## BASEBALL

# Bombers drop Brownies in extras

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam baseball team staged a great comeback, but they were upended in extra innings 7-4 against Westfield on Monday afternoon.

Dalton Drummond got the bottom of the seventh started when he reached base on a triple.

He was followed by the top of the order and leadoff hitter Cam Rivest. Rivest was able to sock a single to outfield to reach base as the tying run and drive in Drummond.

Seamus Curran followed with a double, sending Rivest to third base with no outs. Anthony Basile would then come to the plate and would be hit by a pitch to load the bases. After a strikeout, Max Molta was walked to chase in the tying run and tie the score 4-4.

Westfield was able to get the next two hitters, Troy Gallerani and Tym Regnier, to retire the side and send the game to extra innings.

In the top of the eighth inning, the first three hitters would reach base and all came around to score. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Drummond reached base again on a walk, but he was caught stealing, ending the threat for the Brownies and the game.

Agawam trailed 4-0 before they finally scored in the fifth inning. Drummond reached base. Rivest would then reach on an error. Curran then singled to drive in the first run of the game for the Agawam.

In the sixth inning, Griffin Gadreault walked, then came around to score on a sacrifice.

The loss dropped Agawam to a disappointing 1-15 for the season. Besides the extra inning loss, Agawam's last three losses all were by one run.

The Brownies lost to Minnechaug, 7-6, Longmeadow, 3-2, and Chicopee Comp, 4-3 last week.

Monday's game against Westfield also marked the return for Joe Mercadante. The left-hander



Dalton Drummond crosses the plate with the first Agawam run of the game. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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## COLLEGE NEWS

# Szatrowski earns Little East Conference Pitcher of the Week honor

BOSTON - UMass-Boston senior marketing major Kyle Szatrowski is ending his Beacons career the same way he started it – in record-setting fashion. Szatrowski was named the Little East Conference Pitcher of the Week for striking out a career-best nine batters in a 16-7 win over Western Connecticut State.

The Agawam native vaulted into the Beacon records books his freshman year, when he threw a no-hitter against Wentworth Institute of Technology in just his third start as a collegiate pitcher. Szatrowski was the first Beacon to throw a no-hitter as a freshman, and was UMass Boston's first National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division III Pitcher of the Week as a result.

"Seeing the reaction on the seniors' faces, it was something that was a lot of fun to be a part of," Szatrowski said later.

On Wednesday, Szatrowski struck out two to help the No. 4 Beacons' to a 11-5 win in the opening round of the Little East Conference Tournament over No. 3 Rhode Island College.

Szatrowski ends his college career with a 14-9 record, and he's also found success in the batter's box. During the 2014 season, he had 26 hits, including two triples.

After graduation, Szatrowski hopes to get into sports marketing and go to graduate school. He has some advice for high-school players looking for a college home: "The LEC is probably the best division in college D3 baseball in



UMass-Boston senior Kyle Szatrowski, of Agawam, was named the Little East Conference Pitcher of the Week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO

the country. [We] play against the top competition every year, so if you want to play and compete for championship every year, UMass Boston is definitely a good place to come look at."

### Wheeler named to CCC Golf First Team

SPRINGFIELD – Nichols College senior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, was named to the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Men's Golf First Team for the second consecutive season.

A two-time CCC Golfer of the Week (Sept. 29 and Oct. 13), Wheeler averaged a 78 this season and shot a 79 or lower on 15 occasions – including seven rounds at 75 or below. Wheeler

tied for third-place at the CCC Fall Qualifier (+4; 76) and later placed fourth at the CCC Championship (+12; 152). He placed second at the Wildcat Invitational (April 18-19), tied for fourth at both the Elms College Blazer Invitational (Sept. 24) and WNE Invitational (April 16), and tied for seventh at the ECAC Division III Championship (Oct. 11-12).

Last fall, Wheeler received the Guy Tedesco Award recipient, which is presented to the outstanding New England golfer who "displayed the qualities Guy Tedesco was noted for: unselfish leadership, outstanding talent, love of golf and willingness to promote the positive aspects of golf to others."

## SOFTBALL

# Lady Terriers, Falcons topple Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam softball team has run into some trouble in the Valley League during the past week, dropping two of their last three games against league opponents.

During the last week, Agawam dropped decisions against West Springfield and Minnechaug, but defeated Westfield by a large margin.

The Brownies, with the early season postponements due to the poor weather, still have five games remaining in the final 10

days of the regular season.

All five of those games will come against Valley League opponents.

West Springfield scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning on Monday afternoon, Agawam was unable to score off Terrier pitcher Danielle Meltiveier until the top of the seventh inning.

Rachel Laponese would reach base on a single and eventually came around to score when pitcher Allison Wheeler singled her home. Wheeler would be stranded to end the game.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Young Brownies fall to Westfield

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – If the regular season is any indication of how the upcoming playoffs will go, the road to a tournament championship will go through two schools this season.

After two years at the very top of the mountain, including two straight appearances at the Massachusetts State Championship, the Agawam boys volleyball team has come back to earth with an 11-5 regular season record with two games remaining in the regular season.

Four of Agawam's losses this

season have come against two opponents, Chicopee Comp and Westfield.

The Bombers have had another rising to prominence and have had a near undefeated season. Westfield and Comp each have a victory over each other. Both have defeated Agawam twice this season.

Agawam has captured wins over both teams in the past two seasons.

But Agawam still features a younger lineup than both teams, and that was apparent last Thursday afternoon when the Brownies were defeated by Westfield 3-1 on the road.

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# Sports



Anthony Basile makes solid contact. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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is a senior that has played centerfield and batted leadoff in the past for the Brownies. He was sidelined for several weeks with a right wrist injury. He was cleared to pitch and started on Monday against Westfield. “With Joe cleared to pitch, this will most certainly improve our team and put a little fear into our opposition as we head into the final stretch of the season,” said coach Brian Rheault.

He went the first 2 1-3 innings and allowed three runs on four hits. He walked three and struck out two. Rivest went the final 5 2-3 innings and allowed four runs on four hits, four walks and six strikeouts. Curran went 3-for-4 against Westfield with a double and an RBI. Agawam will host Central Thursday at 4 p.m.

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Taylor Marcotte had a 2-for-3 game from the number three spot in the order. Wheeler went six innings. She allowed two runs on four hits. She struck out three and did not walk a batter. Meltivier had nine strikeouts and allowed a run on six hits and two walks. Despite eight baserunners, the Brownies were unable to get the clutch hit needed to tie the game. Last Thursday afternoon, the Brownies had a wild game against Westfield, beating the Bombers 16-7. Westfield, which was one of the best teams in the region the past two years, has struggled this season after graduating its top pitcher. Agawam had no trouble scoring runs of Westfield starter Nicole Clemente. Clemente was charged with all 16 runs on 19 base hits. Maria Moccio returned to the starting lineup after missing time with an injury. She went 4-for-6 with two doubles. She

drove in a run and scored three times. Laponese had four hits, including a double and a triple, two RBI and a run scored. Alyssa Eggleston had a 3-for-5 day with three RBI. Marcotte went 3-for-6 with two RBI. Katie Grasso, Becca Uschmann, and Wheeler had two hits each. Agawam had a close game with Minnechaug last Wednesday afternoon. The Falcons scored three runs in the third inning. But Agawam came back with single runs in the first three innings to tie the score 3-3. The Falcons took the lead with a run in the fifth inning, and added two more in the seventh. Paulina Modestow was the big hitter for the Falcons, going 3-for-4 with and was a home run short of the cycle. Marcotte and Moccio had three hits each. Uschmann and Wheeler had two hits each. Agawam travels to Amherst tomorrow for a 7 p.m. game under the lights.

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Westfield got out to a great start, going on a big run in the first game of the set. The Bombers would beat Agawam by an impressive 25-12 score. Agawam was able to come back and stay close in the second game of the set, but came up short 25-21. But the Brownies finally took out their frustrations in the third game of the set, beating Westfield 25-13. With momentum on their side, Agawam couldn't keep it up and lost the final game of the set 25-19. In the loss, Garrett Hollander had 31 assists. Jeff Leclerc had a great day with 16 kills. Kris Page added 14 kills. Roman Mogan had 12 digs while Leclerc added 11. On Monday afternoon, the Brownies played at home against the Sci-Tech, getting back on track with a 3-0 shut-out of the Cybercats. Agawam won three straight games, 25-15, 25-11, 25-19. The Brownies were never in trouble throughout the game coasted to the first two victories in the set while Sci-Tech gave them a bit of trouble in the third game. The Brownies spread out the scoring among their lineup, with 10 different players recording kills in the game. Leclerc, Connor McAnanama, and Mike Basile had six each. Brodie Keene and Caleb Hodovanec had five kills each. Mogan recorded 27 digs and Basile had seven. Hollander led the Brownies with 26 assists. Agawam has its final home game of the regular season Thursday against East Longmeadow at 5 p.m. Their final game is at Belchertown Friday afternoon. Agawam will then await their seeding in the upcoming tournament.

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# Brownies heading back to lacrosse postseason

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After a very rapid, and quickly paced regular season, it has almost come to an end for the Agawam High School boys lacrosse team. However the end result is an 11-6 record and a return trip to the Western Massachusetts Tournament, which will include teams from Central Massachusetts. Agawam is also set to finish the regular season with a second place record in the Valley League, finishing as the runnerup to Cathedral. After going on an impressive seven-game winning streak, the Brownies were finally defeated last Wednesday afternoon, losing their second matchup of the season against the Panthers. That followed with a loss at South Hadley last Friday afternoon. Agawam scored a huge come-from-behind victory over the Tigers just a week earlier, but this time, on South Hadley's home turf, the Tigers were the ones to get the better of Agawam. The Brownies actually had a 3-1 lead early in the game, and led 6-5 at halftime. But South Hadley's defense limited Agawam to just two goals in the second half, while they wheeled out eight goals of their own and their offense was the run that came from behind and scored the win 13-8. Agawam did not have a solution for Sam Duda, one of the top scorers in Western Massachusetts. Agawam has one of the top scorers in the region themselves in Elijah Bard. But the Tigers were able to limit Bard

to just two goals in the game while Duda came through in the second and finished with six goals. Bard, John Colwell, and Nick Hanchett scored two goals each while Matt Lemke had a goal and two assists. Jason Fernandez had four goals for the Tigers. Tahhir Blair made 13 saves. Last Wednesday afternoon, the Panthers spoiled Agawam's Senior Day and despite 14 saves from Blair, the Agawam lost to Cathedral 8-7. The Panthers also had a 9-8 win over Agawam early in the season. It took overtime for the Panthers to get the win, but Agawam held a 7-3 lead after three quarters when Cathedral came back and shut Agawam out 3-0 in the fourth quarter to tie the game. The Panthers would get the game-winner from John Leonard in overtimes to get the win. Colwell led the Brownies with three goals and Lemke had two goals. Chris Basile and Bard each scored a goal. The Brownies final game of the regular season was scheduled for yesterday at home against Longmeadow High School. Agawam will then await its seeding in the tournament. The seedings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday afternoon at Agawam High School. Information on the tournament will be available in next week's edition.

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# Oleksak qualifies for MGA Open

LONGMEADOW - Patrick Oleksak, of Feeding Hills, qualified for the 2015 MGA Open by finishing tied for 11th at a qualifier at Longmeadow Country

Club on Monday, May 11. He shot a 39 on the front and 35 on the back nine for a 74 total.

# Suffield Firemen's Road Race set for June 7

SUFFIELD - The Suffield Firemen's Annual 5K Road Race Run/Walk will take place Sunday, June 7. This event, in memory of Firefighter Paul R. Simison, begins at 9 a.m. sharp at Bruce Park in West Suffield. Registration is \$25. Applications are available at Kent Memorial Library, 50 North Main St., Suffield Police Department, 911 Mountain Road, Suffield Town Hall, 83

Mountain Road and online at www.suffieldtownhall.com. Registration on the day of the race will take place from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Bruce Park entrance, next to the police station. Registration is \$15 per entry for a member of a volunteer service organization or fire department competing as a team.



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# Legals

## AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT May 4, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, **June 8, 2015 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Anna Lopes who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 B (2) which would allow for the construction of a second floor addition to a structure located on a legal nonconforming lot at the premises identified as 20 Washington Ave.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
5/21,5/28/15

## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 1, 2015, at 7:00pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2020 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on April 9, 2014.

The Capital Improvement Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or

facility; the purchase of land, buildings or facilities for a public purpose; or a long range development study.

The Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2020 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Capital Improvement Program is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
**Christopher C. Johnson**  
President of the City Council  
5/21/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD15P0791EA  
Estate of:  
Charles A. Grasso  
Date of Death: 2/20/2015  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Anthony S. Grasso** of Agawam MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Anthony S. Grasso** of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-

bate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
5/21/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD14P0648EA  
Estate of:  
Eleanor P. Yacovone  
Date of Death: 01/09/2014  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **The Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield f/b/o Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **John J Egan** of Longmeadow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s)

of said estate to serve on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on June 8, 2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 11, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/21/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

## Docket No. HD15C0070CA In the matter of: Roberta Lynn McDuff Of: Agawam, MA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Roberta L McDuff** requesting that: **Roberta Lynn McDuff** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

**Roberta Lynn Armstrong**  
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 06/16/2015  
WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 19, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/21/15

## LEGAL AD AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 PM**, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Paliy for work to be performed on Adams Street subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
5/21/15

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD07P1252GI1 In the interests of: Rose Ladd

**Of: Wilbraham, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall South** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 06/02/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 05, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/21/15

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P0767GD In the matter of: Vera Jerold Of: Agawam, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall West – Patricia Salisbury** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Vera Jerold** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Heritage Hall West – Patricia Salisbury** of Agawam, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 05/29/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 01, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/21/15

## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING – AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 15, 2015, at 7:00pm**, at a Regular Meeting of the Agawam City Council, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor. The Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF: **Christopher C. Johnson** City Council President

CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET					
DEPARTMENT	Pesonnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
<b>GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
Council	\$163,511	\$15,600	\$500	\$0	\$179,611
Mayor	\$317,440	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$318,640
Administrative Building	\$24,018	\$203,575	\$0	\$0	\$227,593
Law Department	\$69,100	\$68,500	\$0	\$0	\$137,600
Auditor	\$157,583	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$158,383
Clerk/Elections	\$245,463	\$2,655	\$0	\$0	\$248,118
Assessor	\$218,842	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$318,842
IT Department	\$168,407	\$81,823	\$0	\$17,000	\$267,230
Treasurer/Collector	\$318,313	\$29,500	\$0	\$4,800	\$352,613
Police Department	\$4,959,153	\$209,973	\$76,715	\$190,100	\$5,435,941
Fire Department	\$3,838,625	\$120,800	\$47,750	\$0	\$4,007,175
Inspection Services	\$283,778	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$283,778
Health Department	\$594,544	\$5,100	\$2,750	\$0	\$602,394
Community Development	\$125,884	\$329	\$0	\$0	\$126,213
Agawam Public Library	\$924,588	\$4,050	\$122,216	\$0	\$1,050,854
Parks & Recreation	\$164,541	\$19,185	\$1,000	\$3,400	\$188,126
Council on Aging	\$297,942	\$87,600	\$0	\$0	\$385,542
Public Works Administration	\$102,145	\$3,800	\$50	\$0	\$105,995
Highway & Grounds	\$1,316,982	\$293,180	\$411,075	\$0	\$2,021,237
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$137,967	\$63,815	\$474,620	\$0	\$676,402
Engineering	\$175,860	\$18,292	\$1,200	\$0	\$195,352
Building Maintenance	\$2,230,579	\$1,676,757	\$145,522	\$0	\$4,052,858
Agawam Public Schools					\$41,030,656
Emergency Management	\$19,300	\$16,500	\$0	\$0	\$35,800
Line Items					\$21,845,751
<b>TOTAL – GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>					<b>\$84,252,704</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET</b>					
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>					<b>\$642,425</b>
<b>SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS</b>					<b>\$84,895,129</b>
Agawam Municipal Golf Course	\$284,223	\$121,800	\$116,400	\$0	\$522,423
Agawam Municipal Golf Course Equipment				\$0	\$0
<b>Agawam Municipal Golf Course Total</b>					<b>\$522,423</b>
Water Department	\$859,612	\$3,179,601	\$369,083	\$0	\$4,408,296
Water Capital Improvement Budget				\$62,405	\$62,405
<b>Water Total</b>					<b>\$4,470,701</b>
Wastewater Department	\$581,209	\$2,721,521	\$57,705	\$0	\$3,360,435
Wastewater Capital Improvement Budget				\$62,405	\$62,405
<b>Wastewater Total</b>					<b>\$3,422,840</b>
<b>TOTAL – SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS</b>					<b>\$8,415,964</b>
<b>TOTAL – GENERAL FUND AND SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS</b>					<b>\$93,311,093</b>

5/21/15



# Business

## Montagna named operations director of UMass Center

Daniel L. Montagna, assistant director of operations for the UMass Center at Springfield, has been named the facility's director of operations.

In his new role, Montagna is the center's liaison with community and academic partners and is focusing on capacity building and UMass brand promotion. He will also be involved in long-range planning for the center.

A resident of Feeding Hills, Montagna has served as interim director of operations at the downtown Springfield facility since March. Montagna joined UMass as assistant director of operations last August, right before the center opened on Sept. 2.

"It's a very exciting time for the UMass Center at Springfield as we grow academically and expand our efforts to engage more with the culturally diverse community of which we are part," said Montagna. "I'm proud and excited to lead a dynamic and knowledgeable team to continue to build the center and share the great things that the University of Massachusetts and our academic partners have to offer. Our strength comes in how we are able to collaborate with those around us, and the future looks very bright moving forward."

From 2012 to 2014, Montagna was a project manager and project coordinator at Heller Consulting Inc. in Newton, where he oversaw technical, assessment, business process, software selection and internal projects. Prior to that position, he was a program coordinator with the Massachusetts Local Technical Assistance Program at UMass Amherst and an information technology specialist and loan officer at the UMassFive College Federal Credit Union in Hadley.

He is a 1999 graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in geography and regional planning.

## Sponsors, restaurants sought for Aug. 'Taste'

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Rotary Club of West Springfield will present the 16th edition of Taste of the Valley, West Side's annual weekend-long gathering of local restaurants on the Park Street Town Common, Aug. 13-16. Chicopee Savings Bank will be title sponsor of the event.

The Rotary Club made the decision to move the date of the Taste from its usual time in June to mid-August, hoping to avoid the cool, rainy conditions that the event experienced over the past few years for more favorable late-summer weather.

"In planning for a successful event, we took into account the unpredictable weather conditions of June as well as the many events and activities on people's calendars, and have decided an August date made more sense for the type of event we produce," said Dan Marini, Taste chair.

The Taste is expected to attract visitors from all over the Pioneer Valley who come to sample various dishes from a variety of restaurants as well as family friendly entertainment, concerts on two stages, rides and games for children and teens, a petting zoo and the Saturday Cruise, a classic car show scheduled for Aug. 15 from 1-5 p.m. The Taste of the Valley 5K Run will take place Sunday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m.

Rotary is currently seeking interested restaurants and sponsors for the Taste. For more information, email [info@westside-taste.com](mailto:info@westside-taste.com).

## Chamber to host annual breakfast in June

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Breakfast Meeting Thursday, June 18, at 7 a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. The event is sponsored by OMG and Ormsby Insurance, and will kick off with the welcoming of new chairman Chuck Kelly and the incoming WRC Board of Directors.

Following the introductions, there will be a special presentation given by Nancy Butler, a national motivational speaker, business coach and award-winning author. After building a business from scratch to approximately \$200 million in assets under management, Butler sold her asset management and financial planning practice.

For the last eight years, she has helped business owners do a better job for their clients while improving their bottom line.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available as well as advertisement space in the annual meeting program booklet. Preferred sponsorships are \$250 and program ads are \$50.

Annual meeting tickets are now available and are \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

To register for the event or for more information on sponsorship opportunities and program booklet advertisements, call 413-426-3880.

### BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

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**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

# Church News

## St. David's invites families to 'Hometown Nazareth'

A summer family event called Hometown Nazareth will be hosted at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, July 13 to 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Families step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word.

In addition, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Call 413-786-6133 for more information.

## Kids Bible camp to begin July 13

The Catholic community of Agawam will host a Catholic weeklong summer Bible camp Monday through Friday, July 13 to 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch are provided.

The program will include daily scripture themes, crafts, outdoor games, activities, music, food and fun. For children in grades 1 through 6, youth volunteers in grades 7 through 11 are welcome to assist in the program. The cost for each child is \$50 and for three or more, \$125.

Medical forms, registration and fees need to be completed by Monday, June 15. For more information or to register, call the secretary and religious education coordinator at Sacred Heart Parish, Lisa Raffia, at 413-786-8200. Registration forms are available online at [www.sacredheartfeedinghills.org](http://www.sacredheartfeedinghills.org). All are welcome to attend, regardless of parish affiliation. It will be held only if there are the necessary numbers of children attending.

## Hope Church hosts free kids camp

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a free kids camp Monday through Friday, July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will include Bible stories, activities, games, crafts and snacks.

The camp, "Gospel Light's SonSpark Labs," will focus on "Discovering God's Plan 4U = Jesus!"

For more information, call 413-786-2445 or visit [hopecommunitychurchagawam.org](http://hopecommunitychurchagawam.org).

### DEATH NOTICES

**Brown, Douglas R.**  
Died May 16, 2015  
Private burial  
Colonial Forastiere Family  
Funeral Home and Cremation

**Robinson, Cecil J.**  
Died May 12, 2015  
Funeral May 16, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Family  
Funeral Home and Cremation

**Tracy, Sybil J.**  
Died May 12, 2015  
Funeral May 16, 2015  
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home

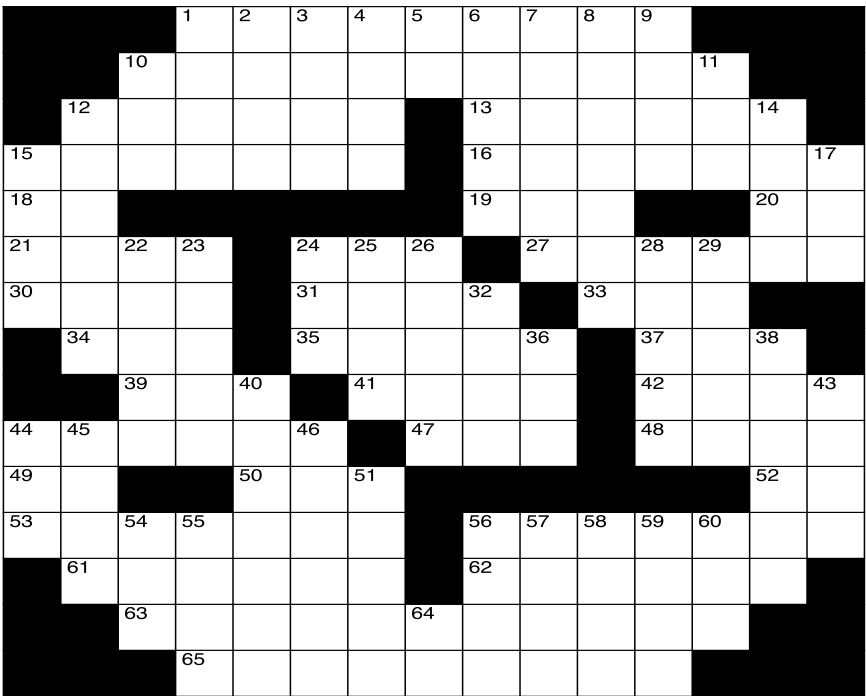
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- Shoulder adornment
- Meat-roasting rod
- Protective floor pad
- Anger
- Spread over
- Blackthorn fruit
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- Affirmative
- Horse used to set the pace
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- British thermal unit
- Complex red organic pigment containing iron
- Bura
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- Purplish red
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- Commercial-free TV station
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**MOVING TAG SALE!** Fri, May 22nd thru Sun 24th. 73 Ludlow Avenue, Indian Orchard 8am-3pm

**MULTI-FAMILY** May 23, 9am-2pm 31 Summit St., Belchertown. Furniture, tires, air conditioners, car dollies, etc. Rain date May 24th.

**TAG SALE MAY 23 & 24**, 9-4 Margaret Street, South Hadley. Off Rte 202, down Sunset. Rain or Shine.

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**PIANO WANTED. UNITED** Methodist Church, South Hadley is in need of a Baby Grand Piano. Donation sought- Purchase considered **(413)533-9297**.

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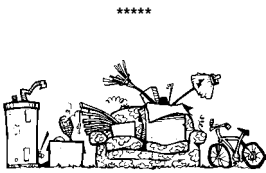
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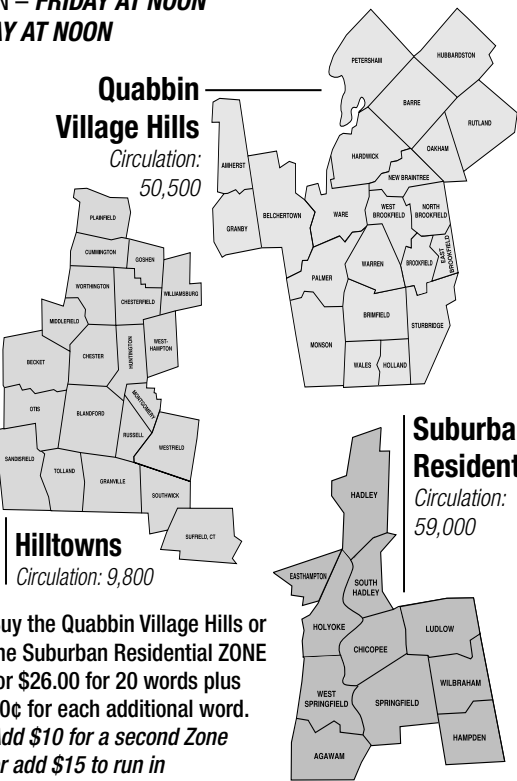
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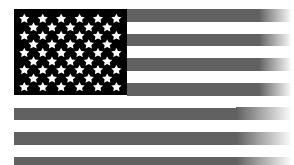
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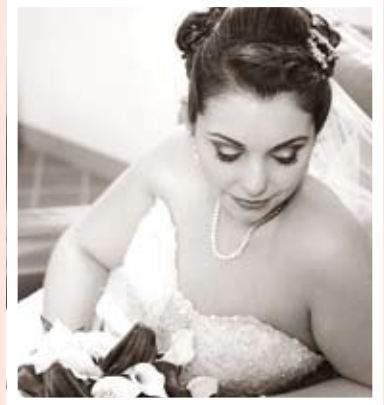
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